

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/715,662

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS,(OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication filed on 28 November 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are -7, 16, 9-12, 29-32, 35, 36, 38, 39, 41 and 42 now renumbered as 1-22.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 8-15, 17, 22-28, 33 and 34 have been canceled. Claims 37 and 40 are canceled by Examiner's Amendment in this communication. Therefore, claims 1-7, 16, 9-12, 29-32, 35, 36, 38, 39, 41 and 42 are currently pending in this application.

Since the product claims were found allowable, as will be discussed later in this communication, previously withdrawn claims to method of use have been rejoined and therefore, Therefore, the restriction between the products and the methods is hereby withdrawn.

Previous Claim Objections

Claims 1-36 were objected to for containing elected and non-elected subject matter. The Amendment filed on 28 November 2006 canceled the non-elected subject matter from the claims. Therefore, the objections of currently pending claims 1-7, 16, 9-12, 29-32, 35 and 36 is withdrawn

Examiners Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ronald G. Ort, on 21 December 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

DELETE claims 37 and 40.

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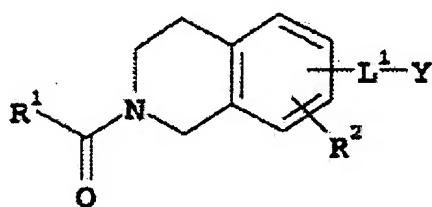
In claim 39, line 2, **DELETE**, “ inflammatory disease” and **INSERT** ---
inflammatory bowl disease or a joint inflammation-----

In claim 42, line 2, **DELETE**, “ inflammatory disease” and **INSERT** ---
inflammatory bowl disease or a joint inflammation-----

Reasons for Allowance

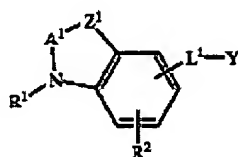
Claims 1-7, 16, 9-12, 29-32, 35, 36, 38, 39, 41 and 42 are allowable over the
closest prior art of U.S. Patent No. 6,608,084 B1.

The instant claimed invention is directed to compounds of Formula



wherein R1 is $R^3NH-Ar^1-L^2$ and all the variables

are as defined in claim 1. The prior art of U.S. Patent No. 6,608,084 B1 is directed to



compounds of Formula

. The compounds claimed in this

application differ from the prior art in that Ar1 (of compounds claimed in this
application) represents fully saturated 8-10 membered bicyclic ring system containing at
least one heteroatom. The compounds and methods of this application are not suggested
or rendered obvious by the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than
the payment issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the

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issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement for Reasons for Allowance."

Telephone Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kamal A Saeed, Ph.D. phone number is (571) 272-0705. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 7:00 AM- 5:30 PM.

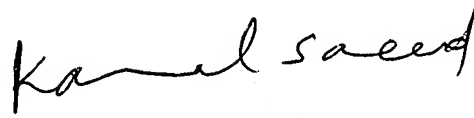
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Joseph K. McKane, can be reached at (571) 272-0699.

Communication via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35 U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by applicant and should be addressed to [joseph.mckane@uspto.gov]. All Internet e-mail communications will be made of record in the application file. PTO employees will not communicate with applicant via Internet e-mail where sensitive data will be exchanged or where there exists a possibility that sensitive data could be identified unless there is of record an express waiver of the confidentiality requirements under 35 U.S.C. 122 by the applicant. See the Interim Internet Usage Policy published by the Patent and Trademark Office Official Gazette on February 25, 1997 at 1195 OG 89.

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have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kamal Saeed". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER